

*Secondly.*—The area was already cut up by roads and nálás and this lessened the work of demarcation.

*Thirdly.*—Labour-supply was plentiful and sustained, and

*Fourthly.*—Topographical survey maps were all available so that not much time was lost in surveying.

34. The details of work done by the Party during the year, as compared with the year previous, are given below :—

Name of Party.	Jungle cut and cleared.	Linear miles surveyed.	Posts fixed.	Test trees felled.	Number of compartments formed.	Test area enumerated.	Area for which full data for the preparation of plans have been collected.	Total cost.	Cost per acre.	REMARKS.
								Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
Party II ...	Yellápur Range in Southern Division, Kánara.	93.9	1,315	52	62	3,251.0	41,962.4	25,076 10 7	0 9 6.7	1895-96.
		66	1,522	54	49	1,636	25,007	25,684 0 0	1 0 5.1	
		+27.9	-207	-2	+22	+1,615	+16,955.4	-607 5 5	-0 6 8.4	Difference.

35. The average cost per acre for field work proper, *i. e.*, from 1st November 1896 to 31st May 1897, was 6 annas 7 pies as against 8 annas 7 pies for the same period in 1895-96; and, as stated above, the cost for the whole year was also less—9 annas 7 pies as compared with Rs. 1-0-5.1.

36. Government orders on the working-plan of the Gund series in the Northern Division of Kánara were received during the year and contracts were given out in those forests for the supply of teak and blackwood logs to the Coast-Timber-Depôt at Kódibág as prescribed in that plan.

37. As required by paragraph 3 of Government Resolution No. 9450, dated 26th November 1896, the Divisional Forest Officer reports that he worked in the forests of the Gund Circle on 21st, 22nd and 23rd of November 1896 and again on 28th to 31st May and 1st June 1897.

## II.—WORKING OF THE YEAR.

### (a).—COMMUNICATIONS AND BUILDINGS.

38. Form No. 51, appended, gives details of works executed during the year under report :—

39. “Roads and Bridges” cost Rs. 8,546, and Buildings, &c., Rs. 16,018.

40. In the Northern Division of Kánara, the construction of 9 buildings for forest subordinates was undertaken and partly done at a cost of Rs. 7,487, and additions and alterations were effected to the Range Office building at Haliyál, the cost incurred being Rs. 93. A road from Barchi to Nána-Kesrodga was also constructed at a cost of Rs. 2,620. Repairs to the existing buildings and roads, &c., cost Rs. 246 and 361, respectively.

41. In the Southern Division of Kánara, a range office was built at Siddápur at a cost of Rs. 1,096, and 1 saw-mill shed and 24 huts for saw-mill workmen were built at Ittanbail in the Yellápur Range, for Rs. 1,067 and 503 respectively. Five wells were newly built (Rs. 1,800) and the one that had been partly built at Baswankop in the previous year was completed (Rs. 186). Two roads, one from Bilki to Siddalgundi and the other from the Yellápur-Dhárwár main road to the saw-mills at Ittānbail, were also constructed, the cost incurred being Rs. 2,343 and 103, respectively. Repairs to buildings cost Rs. 1,511 and to roads and paths Rs. 1,191.

42. In the Western Division of Kánara, the well at Hattikeri was completed (Rs. 210), a temporary náka was built at Manaki (Rs. 5) and the existing buildings and roads were repaired (Rs. 1,080 and 167, respectively).

43. In Belgaum, Rs. 200 were spent on the extension of the timber cart-road from Nágargáli to Barchi and Rs. 150 on the construction of a road from the rest-house at Nágargáli to the Barchi-Nágargáli road. Repairs to existing buildings and roads were made and the cost incurred was Rs. 142 and 1,381, respectively.

44. In Dhárwár, Kolába and Ratnágiri, Rs. 347 were spent on minor original works and Rs. 275 on repairs to existing buildings, &c.